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The July issue of **TNA NEWS** will continue with our interesting articles on topicals, mint errors and medioeval coins.

5th REMEMBER - the of July is the deadline for the August issue of TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several suggestions have been made that are under consideration for the improvement of various operational procedures of TNA. One of these is in regard to the form of ballot used in TNA elections. A committee is working on this and for the next election, a new, simple form will be available.

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We have been asked for some clarification as to the rules for judging the new **A. I. MARTIN MEMORIAL** award. The rules are that any TNA member may exhibit in any Texas coin show, a numismatic exhibit using the theme "The Spirit of the Old West." Time limit is from the 1973 convention to the 1974 convention. Judging will be done prior to the 1974 convention and the winner will be expected to set up the winning exhibit at the 1974 event for all to see. Pictures of the exhibit must be submitted, giving the place and date of the exhibit. More than one entry from an individual will be accepted. Realizing that written, typed or printed matter will not show up in a photograph, that portion may be sent in writing. As these exhibits may be shown in any Texas show and the judges will not be able to view all the exhibits, in fairness to all exhibitors, none will be judged except by photograph.

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TO ALL DISTRICT GOVERNORS—Plan now for your district meetings. Show time is always desirable. Attend a meeting of each club in your district as soon as possible, give a program where feasible and don't forget to **TALK, TALK, TALK** for TNA and ask the people to join.

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The list of delinquent members for 1973 is **TOO LONG. GOVERNORS**—get a list from the TNA secretary and then contact those in your district and try to find out why they did not pay their dues!

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Clubs planning special events or shows, order well in advance, extra copies of the **TNA NEWS**. The cost will surprise you. Write the editor.

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TO ALL MEMBERS—have you written your congressman asking him to support HR 5777—the Hobby Protection Act? **PLEASE DO IT TODAY.**

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On Sunday, April 29, a personal friend, a friend of TNA and a dedicated numismatist of many years, passed away. He was not a man too many knew. He was quiet, unassuming, polite, a gentleman of high ethical ideals, a devoted husband and one who could be depended upon for many things. He would provide a program or an extra exhibit if needed. He never asked for any award or public recognition. He was

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OFFICERS' ANNUAL REPORTS

(EDITOR'S COMMENT: Due to lack of space in the May TNA NEWS, the annual reports from officers were omitted. We note that four out of five officers reported; only five out of 16 district governors; and three out of nine appointed officers.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Lyman C. Bartee

The year 1972-73 was a busy one with so little to show for the effort. The net membership is about the same as this time last year. General participation in organized numismatics leaves much to be desired. There have been a few changes made in the convention packet, hopefully for the best. Financially, we are operating in the black. The **CLUB SALUTE** award was initiated during 1972. There will be an award in memory of former President A. I Martin in 1974. We have an excellent publication that our membership is reading. We have visited several districts this year and have found much interest in each of them. We have made several talks to non-numismatic groups, presented two TV shows for adults and one for children, and we attended the ANA convention in New Orleans.

We are approaching 1973-74 with great expectations. To the officers for this year, thank you so much for your cooperation.

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FROM THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Col. Chas. A. Wingo

During the first part of last year, numismatics received a big boost around Denison and I was right in the middle of it! That was because the city was celebrating its centennial year and I became involved in designing and selling the centennial medal. Medal number one was presented to the Eisenhower birthplace in Denison (Ike was on one side), and TNA member Hansen Plastics of Amarillo had donated a nice plaque for that purpose. Number two sold for $160 and I took number three.

During the two-week celebration in June, I placed a display of 1872 coins and paper money in one of the local banks, and our hobby received a lot more favorable publicity. Later, the Denison Herald used almost the entire front page of their Sunday feature section in presenting an article about an Eisenhower exhibit of mine which had just won best in show in Beaumont and Fort Worth.

The next few months kept me busy conducting our exhibit classification and awards poll. The results were published in your **TNA NEWS.**

Another activity which I enjoyed last Fall, was assisting the Denison Senior High School organize a coin club. I conducted several programs for them and also made a TV tape for the school on coin collecting which was televised on the local educational channel.

Coin clubs visited during the year included those in Denison-Sherman, Greenville, Garland, Paris, Dallas, Mount Pleasant and Fort Worth. Most of them I attended on a regular basis. I was pleased to accept an honorary membership in the Fort Worth Coin Club. A similar honor had been given to me by the Garland Coin Club several years ago.

Coin shows attended (and entered exhibits in all but one) were: ANA at New Orleans, LNA at Monroe, La., Austin, Greenville, Beaumont, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Oklahoma City and Denison-Sherman.

As usual, I tried to assist your president; Miriam Gilmore in publishing our **TNA NEWS**; Wally Gilmore with our library; Mary Jane Whyborn with our juniors; TNA con-

vention chairman Joe Wade with exhibits, and arranged our educational forum. I have also tried to assist member Virgil Hancock in his efforts to have a Hobby Protection Act enacted, by talking it up and by writing to my congressman and my senator.

If I can help you or your coin club during the coming year, you have but to ask. I had the pleasure of presenting several programs to clubs last year and I look forward to presenting many more. My greatest joy is in serving you as your first vice president and I feel greatly honored in having that privilege.

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FROM THE SECRETARY: Augusta Folda

As of March 30, 1973 there were 785 members (525 regular, 72 associate, 23 juniors, 106 Charter and 59 Life Members.) New members showed 123 regular, 11 associate and 11 juniors. There were 56 chapters with three new chapters. There were six resignations by members and four by chapters. The report included 10 deceased members, 135 delinquent members and four delinquent chapters. New members for 1972 indicated 127 regular, 18 associate, 13 juniors and five chapters.

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FROM THE TREASURER: Stanford (Mac) Kennady

Balance on hand as of March 1, 1972		$4,527.86
RECEIPTS		
TNA Membership Dues	$3,936.00	
TNA News Advertisements	1,583.45	
Miscellaneous Income		
Sale of 1972 Medals	2,371.50	
Donations to Library	57.50	
Purchase of Tickets to Governors' and Representatives' Breakfast	7.00	
One-Half of Proceeds From 1972 Convention	1,200.00	
Sale of TNA News	14.00	
Donations to TNA News in Miniature	135.00	
Sale of 1973 Medals	352.00	
Re-deposit of Returned Check	12.00	
	4,149.00	9,668.45
		$14,196.31
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA News		
Printing	3,613.35	
Postage	995.68	
Engraving	107.62	
Mailing Stencils	14.56	
	4,731.21	
TNA News Editor		
Travel Allowance	900.00	
Petty Cash	183.58	1,083.58
Printing & Supplies (other than TNA News)		
Banner Ptg. Co.	260.30	
Denton Commercial Printing	264.99	525.29
Cost of 1972 Convention Medals		1,337.11
TNA News in Miniature		232.95
TNA Library—Purchases and Expenses		143.48
Returned Checks		16.00
Officers' Expenses (See Schedule A)		605.24
Miscellaneous Expenses (See Schedule B)		540.47
North Austin State Bank—Raise Certificate of Deposit to $2,000	518.95	9,734.75
		$4,462.03
Balance on Hand as of February 28, 1973		$4,462.03

TNA News Continuance Fund

Certificate of Deposit	$2,000.00
Total Assets	$6,462.03

Schedule A—Officers' Expenses

President (Travel Expenses)	$300.00
First Vice President	.00
Second Vice President	.00
Secretary (Postage and Supplies)	279.56
Treasurer	.00
District Governors	.00
Historian (Supplies)	25.68
	$605.24

Schedule B—Miscellaneous Expenses

Ellis H. Brooks—Reimburse for purchase of 1972 Convention Ribbons	$ 22.95
Refunds of TNA News Ad Payments	31.50
Preparation of Annual Report	10.00
Preparation of Monthly Reports	5.00
Junior Awards	57.67
Governors' and Representatives' Breakfast	231.70
Ellis H. Brooks—Reimburse for 1972 Convention Pictures	10.36
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.—Officers' Performance Bond (3 year premium)	50.00
ANA—1973 Dues	12.00
Medallic Art Co.—Annual Awards	106.98
Return Postage on Club Salute Entries from Judges	2.31
	$540.47

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FROM DISTRICT SIX GOVERNOR: Charlotte Nichols

As governor of District Six, it is my pleasure to report that the district is sound and stable. As governor I have installed officers in several of the clubs and attended meetings and presented programs in others. I have presented numismatic programs to different civic and lineal descent organizations. I attended the ANA convention in New Orleans and TNA board meetings in Dallas and Fort Worth. I have enjoyed being governor and I am very proud of the clubs and the people who make up these clubs and the work they are doing to further every phase of numismatics.

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FROM DISTRICT SEVEN GOVERNOR: Ray Whyborn

Representing the TNA members in District seven for the past two terms has been an enjoyable and memorable experience. I have attended almost all meetings of each club in the district. I have participated in most of the clubs' activities and continue to be an officer and advisor to each club. I assumed the responsibility of helping the members select and support a candidate for governor for the next two years. I have encouraged the clubs to enter the **CLUB SALUTE** contest and have actively supported the junior program within this district.

It is with regret that I leave this position. The experience has been fulfilling and gratifying. I thank each member and fellow officer in TNA who has assisted me in representing my constituents for the past two terms.

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FROM DISTRICT FOURTEEN GOVERNOR: John L. Chisum

I, John L. Chisum, TNA member #1111, attended four to six coin club meetings each month and promoted TNA and shows to these clubs in my district, which is composed of mostly Lower Rio Grande Valley Clubs. One club, the San Benito club, disbanded for a year. Members were already attending several of the clubs in my district.

I urged each of the other clubs and members of TNA to renew their 1973 membership in TNA.

I have enjoyed being governor and

know that your new governor, L. G. Davenport, will serve his district well.

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FROM DISTRICT FIFTEEN GOVERNOR: Jerry Williams

The Beaumont Coin Club added to their constitution and by-laws — junior membership, life membership and the pledge of allegianee to the American flag at each meeting.

Officers for the Beaumont club are Carl Heartfield, president; Jesse Bachelder, vice president; and Bernice Goza, secretary-treasurer. C. L. Babcock and Jerry Wilhams are co-editors for the monthly newsletter. The heading for the minutes' page was changed to inelude membership in TNA along with that of ANA. The elub is still having good attendance, good programs and door prizes at each meeting.

The Port Arthur Coin Club had its first newsletter in history. Officers are Jerry Williams, president; Gary Gerald, viee president; and Molly Gerald, seeretary-treasurer and newsletter editor. The elub also gives good programs and door prizes and has good attendance.

In both elubs, we have life memberships in TNA and ANA ineluding the elubs We always have elub representatives for TNA and ANA and celebrate National Coin Week.

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FROM DISTRICT SIXTEEN GOVERNOR: Fred Brooks

Although I have been your distriet governor only a part of this past year (I eommute between Corsicana and McAllen), I have visited the clubs and membership whenever possible. There does not appear to be any great loss in membership

An effort was made by me to re-men, but to date it has not been accepted. If any member or group within District 16 has someone in mind as a successor, who will aeeept the job, I will again submit another letter of resignation

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FROM THE TNA NEWS EDITOR: Miriam Gilmore

The TNA NEWS for 1972 and 1973 has many new features for the reading audience. We now have many new talents on our staff of contributors and the articles are suited for individual eolleetors.

We had ten elgible entries for the KALVERT K. TIDWELL LITERARY award for 1972 and the CLUB SALUTE award contest was a great success. We had 14 clubs to enter competition and they were: Galveston County Coin Club (Texas City), La Marque Coin Club, Port Arthur Coin Club, Levelland Coin Club, South Plains Coin Club (Lubbock), San Angelo Coin Club, Alamo Coin Club (San Antonio), Fort Worth Coin Club, Greater Houston Coin Club, Beaumont Coin Club, Lamb County Coin Club (Littlefield), Amarillo Coin Club, Odessa Coin Club and Gateway Coin Club (San Antonio).

The income and expenses pertinent to the TNA NEWS is carried monthly in the treasurer's report.

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FROM THE YOUTH CHAIRMAN: Mary Jane Whyborn

I am sorry to report that this has been a rather inaetive year for me, numismatieally speaking. It has beeome impossible for me to even participate in loeal elub aetivities any longer. Consequently, with much regret, I have resigned my position as TNA youth chairman It has been a very gratifying, though frequently frustrating, experience to serve as youth chairman. I sincerely hope that my successor will have the time, energy and patience to do the position justice It is a very impor

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The Earliest Anno Domini Dated Coins

BY: DAVE R. CERVIN,
Amarillo, Texas

Winner of the HOWLAND WOOD MEMORIAL GRAND AWARD at the ANA convention in Washington, D.C., 1971

VI: Frederick the Wise, Protector of Martin Luther

Dave Cervin

There are numerous ways to measure greatness. Alexander the Great conquered the known ancient world; Edison invented the incandescent light bulb and the "talking machine"; George Washington was the first President of a country that adopted a new concept in living, democracy; Columbus defied the sages of centuries and "proved" the world to be round not flat. DaVinci was a genius in a half dozen fields, including aviation four hundred years before the Wright brothers proved out his theories; Pasteur's experiments added at least a dozen years to the lives of contemporary mankind.

Is there a single rule for classifying greatness? Possibly. When a man's accomplishments noticeably affects the lives of succeeding generations, then we might call him "a great man."

Today there are 800 million protestants in the world, and they all owe something to Martin Luther. By this standard of measurement, Luther must certainly be classed as one of the great men of history.

Luther did not lead an easy life. On the subject of marriage he once said, "What woman would marry me when I am in danger of being burned at the stake every day of my life?" This danger did not always exist. Until the fatal day on October 31, 1517, Luther was just considered a small time "radical" who stood the danger of being defrocked (he was ordained a priest in 1507) unless he "mended his ways."

But Luther did not "mend his ways." On that momentous day in

Key to Boldface letters and numbers

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C	𝔇	Mb	𝔐	Nc	𝔑	4c	𝔛
E	𝔈	Mc	𝔐	R	𝔯	4d	𝔶
H	𝔥	Md	𝔐	2	𝔷	5	𝔗
K	𝔎	Na	𝔑	4a	𝔵	7	𝔄

FIGURE 2 — Where the text has Boldface letters or numbers, the mediaeval equivalent may be found from this tabulation. It will be repeated with each future article.

1517, he posted his 95 theses against the abuse of indulgence, on the door of the Castle church at Wittenburg. Overnight Luther became a marked man, and his life was continually in danger. He had attacked the livelihood of many persons and they dearly demanded his obliteration, which is a polite way of saying "burn him."

Luther's enemies were legion and strong. His principal adversaries were Popes Leo X, Adrian VI and Clement VII (1513-1534), and Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor (1519-1556) who was also King of United Spain and the largest land ruler in history (other than his own son and grandson.) With such formidable adversaries, possessing unlimited resources, it is truly a wonder that Luther and Protestanism survived. Obviously he needed help and this is where Frederick the Wise enters the picture.

Frederick was the Elector (ruler) of Saxony (Ernestine line) from 1486 to 1525. As such he and numerous other princes paid allegiance to the Holy Roman Empire. But many of these leaders also objected to abuse of indulgence not only for Luther's reason ("only God can remit sins"), but because great sums of money left their provinces and went to the Catholic hierachy eventually reaching the Pope but with many hands withdrawing monies enroute. Frederick was one of these admirers of Luther, and he early took him under wing.

Frederick's greatest help to Luther came at the Diet of Worms, April 1521. Charles V commanded that Luther attend but promised him amnesty and free passage away. At the Diet of Worms, Luther refused to recant, and Charles commanded him to leave. Things didn't look good as Luther and his cronies elbowed their way through the Spanish soldiers who hissed "burn him!" Then on May 4, came the "friendly kidnapping" of Luther by Frederick's soldiers in the

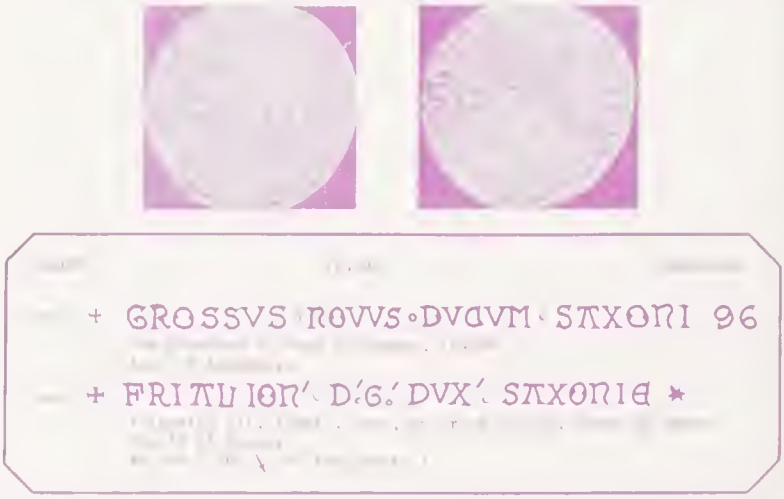

FIGURE 11. Frederick the Wise, Protector of Martin Luther. On the obverse note the partial dating of (14)96 which may be seen at 11 o'clock. The interesting feature on the reverse is the listing of the three brothers, all dukes of Saxony, even though Frederick is the Elector (ruler).

Turingian forest. Taken to the Castle of Wartberg, Luther stayed there, well protected, for the next four years where he completed his massive translation of the Bible from Greek to the German language.

It is interesting to note that Frederick never met Luther although they were both in attendance at the Diet of Worms. All that he did for Luther was accomplished at his direction. However, when Frederick was on his death bed in 1525 he asked to be baptized as Luther prescribed and thus he died a Protestant.

Now why did Frederick acquire the title of "the Wise?" This comes from the fact that even though he protected Luther, he managed to maintain a degree of cordiality with Charles V. Only a wise man could do this, hence his name, Frederick the Wise.

Most people like to collect valuable historical items. How would you like to have Luther's Bible, or one of the books that he wrote and was published in his lifetime, or possibly some of the furniture he used at the castle of Wartburg? A few of these items exist and are in Germany. But don't expect to be able to buy any. You couldn't raise enough money and if you did they wouldn't sell anyway.

There is just no way that this country will ever have a genuine momento from Luther's life. But there is a way to, indirectly, have some sort of a souvenir and numismatists know this answer. Since Frederick the Wise was Luther's protector, we need only secure a coin issued by Frederick and we have something that was made in Luther's time and is associated with him.

FIGURE 11 pictures a coin struck by Frederick the Wise of Saxony. Note firstly that it is partially dated. At eleven o'clock on the obverse may be seen 96, which means of course (14)96. Partial dating was the general rule in Saxony (though there are exceptions), and it may also be found in the coinage of a few other principalities. (A future part of this series will be devoted entirely to this subject.)

However the truly interesting feature of the coin, and for that matter of most others issued by Saxony, is the vast recognition paid the heirs-apparent to the dukedom. Rare is the country that lists more than its reigning ruler on her coins. Saxony is one of those countries. On the reverse, starting at one o'clock, there reads: FRI AL IONa Fred·rick — Albert — John. Frederick, born 1463, was Elector from 1486 to 1525. Albert was born 1467 and died in 1502, and therefore never ruled. John was born 1469 and succeeded brother Frederick in 1525. He died seven years later.

It was only exceptional, and then generally in early years of dating (before 1470) that only a single ruling name appeared on Saxony's coins.

Even though the names of the three brothers appear in apparent equality, a greater recognition is tendered Frederick. Thus, on the obverse we read, "New groschen by the duke of Saxony," which can only refer to Frederick. However, on the reverse the three brothers are referred to as "dukes of Saxony."

It is interesting to note that John is spelled IONa. The letter J never appeared in the Latin alphabet of the Romans. Actually it was "invented" by Latin scholars around 1600.

Another interesting observation is that the names of the three brothers are abbreviated rather than shown as first letters only. This may be moderately rare as Frey lists eight or so Saxony coins of this period and all have single letters only for the three brothers, thus: F A H.

This time the tricky H is used for John. It is evident that the study

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TOPICAL COLLECTING

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FLAGS ON COINS

Flags appear on many world coins and they generally fall into four categories. The four categories are one flag, two flags, many flags and flags on ships. Except for the province and Republic comage of China, many of the flag designs are indistinct. Because of this indistinct feature the text refers to an assumption as to what the flag might be.

For the collector of United States comage we find a few examples of flags on both the commemorative half dollar series and the commemorative gold series. The first example of the U.S. flag appears on the McKinley memorial gold dollar of 1916 and 1917. On the reverse of this coin is a memorial to the late President McKinley in his hometown of Niles, Ohio. The reverse was designed by G. T. Morgan and shows what should be the 48-star flag flying above the memorial. The flag should have 48 stars because the 48th state was admitted to the Union in 1912. The other gold commemorative in this topic is the 1926 Philadelphia Sesquicentennial quarter eagle which depicts a flag flying above Independence Hall in Philadelphia. This coin was designed by J. R. Sinnock and I suppose that the flag would be the original 13-star flag of 1776 since that is the period it commemorates. There are only two other U.S. commemorative half dollars that appear, from catalogue pictures, to have the U.S. flag and they are the 1925 Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial and the 1946 Iowa Centennial.

W. B. (Bill) SLATE

In addition to the U.S. flag, we also find examples of foreign flags on our U.S. commemorative half dollar series. Since this commemorative series depicts historical events in our history, we find ship designs of ships bearing the flag of the countries that first settled here. The normal location of the national design on ships is on the stern but in the early days we also find the flag on one of the main masts. Many of the flags on ships are indistinct as to design and this is apparent on the 1893 Columbian Exposition half dollar. The reverse was designed by G. T. Morgan and shows the flagship Santa Maria with a flag on the main mast. Since Columbus sailed for Spain it could be assumed that he flew the flag of Spain.

The most dominant foreign flag is the Dutch flag because of their early colonization of lower New York State. The following half dollars depict the Dutch flag: 1924 Huguenot-Wallon Tercentenary, 1935 Hudson, New

York Sesquicentennial and the 1936 Long Island Tercentenary. The last of the foreign flags is Sweden and it is found on the Delaware Tercentenary. This coin also has the distinction of being the only U.S. coin to be issued in conjunction with the issuance of a foreign commemorative for the same purpose. The double anniversary was celebrated in 1938 in the U.S. and in Sweden to commemorate a jointly-financed settlement by the Dutch and Swedish government in 1638. The settlement was called "Fort Christina" but it is now known as Wilmington, Delaware.

Our half dollar was authorized in 1936, struck in 1937 and dated 1938 with the commemorative dates 1638-1938. The Swedish 2-Kroner 1938 coin was a little better designed because of more flag detail. I feel that there are other half dollars with flags but

FLAG DAY—June 14 is Flag Day and if you happen to be planning an exhibit during the month of June this topical idea may give you a new approach. The Cuban 1952 40c (Y-19), upper left, shows a single flag; many flags are shown on the 50c 1891 (Y-13) of Uruguay; the Canadian dollar 1939 (Y-34) pictures a flag on top of the Parliament Building; and a flag is shown on a ship on the 1966 $5 of the Bahama Islands. The lower photos depict the 1959 crown (Y-1) of Bermuda with one flag on a ship; and several flags on the 1938 Swedish 2 Kroner (Y-61.)

since I do not have access to this series I can only guess as to which ones they could be: Texas Centennial, Fort Vancouver, Vermont Centennial, Norfolk Bicentennial (Flag on Ship), San Diego-California-Pacific Exposition and York County Maine Tercentenary.

With U.S. coinage completed, we go into the first major category of single flags on world coins. This category is rather limited unless it is combined with flags on ships. The single flags are limited to the countries of Canada, Cuba and India with Canada being first because of the flag atop the Parliament Building on the 1939 dollar. The second flag is the very detailed flag as shown on the Cuban 1952 50th anniversary of the Republic series. This series contains three coins of 10, 20 and 40 centavos denominations. The obverse portrays the raising of Cuba's flag for the first time over El Morro Castle in Havana. Newest of the individual flags are on the 1972 50-Paise and 10-Rupees coins of India. These coins were issued on India's Independence Day, August 15, 1972. Obverse design portrays two Indian youths holding the national flag against the background of the Indian Parliament House. These newest coins were struck at the Bombay Mint and were designed by P. B. Chitnis, deputy master of the India Government Mint.

The next category is coins with two flags. Although two flags are depicted, they are not always the country flag. The best example of this style design can be found in the Republic and Province series of Chinese coins. Most of these coins have a flag with stripes while some of them combine the flag with stripes with a flag of a radiant sun. The following is a list of countries that have the two flag design:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, China, Comoro Islands, Guatemala, Maldive Island, Rwanda, Tonga, Salvador and Sarawak.

In the next category we have a grouping of many flags of which six flags are the most common. Generally speaking, the Latin American countries fall into this category and the flags are divided into two groups of three. In many cases the detail of the flags is lost except for the first flag in each group. The reason for the double group is to outline or enhance the coat of arms or the coin's central design. The following countries use this basic design in their coins:

Argentina, Bermuda, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Salvador, South Africa, Switzerland and Uruguay.

For the last group we find a flag or flags on many of the coins that have a ship design. Normally a picture of a ship under full sail will also have the national ensign prominently displayed as well as other banners. The most common flag in this group is the flag of Great Britain because of the great variety of commonwealth coinage, such as Bermuda, Bahama Islands and South Africa. Coinage of New Zealand and Cook Islands also show this flag on the stern of Captain Cook's ship "Endeavour." The following is a list of countries that show a flag design on their coins with ships:

Bahama Islands, Bermuda, Germany, Kuwait, Liberia, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United States, Great Britain and Cook Islands.

Some exhibitors might wish to try this topic in the future and in doing so they can also increase their point total if they can secure copies of the flags they exhibit. These points are under "Originality" on the score

sheet and they relate to the "distinctiveness in its purpose, as opposed to ordinary, run-of-the-mill displays." Some points might also be picked up under "Arrangement" in relation to "Does the background and arrangement enhance the material being shown, rather than detract from it?" While I have been exhibiting, I have noticed very few flags being displayed, the most common ones being United States, Canada and Mexico. The few other ones that I have seen are a little more difficult to obtain and they are Cuba, Panama and Uruguay. There are a couple of ways to obtain the needed flags and one way is to go through the country's United Nations office. In this way you could possibly get a small 3" by 4" flag. When I decided to use a flag in my exhibit I had one made up to my own special measurements. My flag measures 2' by 3' and at the time the price was very reasonable. Although I had my flag made six years ago, I have checked and found the company to still be in business. The address is: Dixie Flag Manufacturing Company, 604 HemisFair Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78203. Their phone is 512-227-5039.

The next time I attend a Texas coin show I hope to see many topical exhibits. Topical collecting is fun, **TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT** and please keep those donations coming in for a **TOPICAL AWARD** at the ANA as requested in the April **TNA NEWS**. Keep up the good exhibits and make sure we are patriotic to our hobby as well as our flag.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —
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a gentleman and my friend—Willis W. (Bill) Hardy of Austin. To Kitty, his wife, we all extend our sympathy and thanks for sharing Bill with us.

OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORTS —
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tant position that should never be taken lightly.

To the youth of Texas, I salute you!! You're the finest anywhere!!!

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FROM THE LIBRARIAN: Wally Gilmore

The **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** has had several new additions in books and also a film donated by The Franklin Mint. The clubs continue to use the slide sets for programs, but very few have availed themselves of the reference books.

Nearly all of the slide sets have been re-mounted so as to fit most projectors. The tedious work has been done by John Face of Corpus Christi and our many thanks go to him. Purchasing supplies for this project has taken much from the library operating fund, which was raised through donations and special gifts. The library does not operate under the TNA general finance fund. Perhaps during 1973, we can solicit more funds to build up the library balance.

If anyone has any slides they have had made from their coin collection and wish to dispose of them, please contact us—we are always seeking new additions.

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NUMISMATIC ERRORS

— A NEW FIELD —

Researched, Discussed & Presented
By: L. G. Davenport,
Edinburg, Texas

L G Davenport

This month we shall depart from our usual study of mint errors to place emphasis on an event and some people involved with it, and also some really fantastic coins.

The event referred to is **ERROR-A-RAMA, THE** show for numismatic error collectors. For the past seven years this has been an annual affair held in California. This year it will be held again in California at Studio City, Sportsmen's Lodge on July 21-22.

This show will draw dealers and collectors from all over the country. Here will be found the largest selection of the wildest and most unusual mint errors one can imagine. Some even defy imagination! This has been the case with past shows, and there is no reason to think this show will be any different in that respect.

1972 has been a good year for numismatics, and a fantastic one for the mint-error hobby. It looks like this new field of collecting has finally come into its own. 1972 saw several important developments take place too. During the Summer months when activity in the hobby as a whole is at its lowest, the 1972 doubled die made its debut, not just one, but maybe as many as seven varieties from Philadelphia, and three from Denver. San Francisco was not to

COLLECTOR'S ODDITIES—More of the unusual mint errors owned by Dr. A. K. Berry are shown in this photo. Among them are a broad-struck, off-center Ike $, 40% silver, also double struck and in a mint-sealed pack. A clover leaf design is made up of three Kennedy halves, all off-center struck.

be outdone and provided its own version.

Late in '72, it was discovered by the General Services Administration officials, handling the CC dollar sales, that some mint errors were turning up. Among them was the now famous 1882 CC dollar struck off center. It was decided by the powers that be that those mint errors would be sent out with the other coins:

NUMISMATIC ERROR KING—Dr. A. K. Berry of Alhambra, Calif., is one of the nation's leading numismatic error collectors and holds many honors for his outstanding exhibits. In 1971 at the ERROR-A-RAMA he was awarded the top honor "King of Errors" and has won many other awards at shows across the nation. Dr. Berry will be one of the special guests at the ERROR-A-RAMA '73 and error collectors are anxiously awaiting a look at his exhibits.

but that they would be identified and sealed so that they could be mixed in with the other coins to be packaged and sent out on a random basis. This way, no one would know who the recipient would be. The off-center struck $1 was handled a bit different. A name was drawn from the orders and awarded to the lucky winner Tom Reneke of Astoria, Ore., a bottle collector, was the winner.

Through the efforts of Arnold Margolis, editor of **Error Trends Coin Magazine**, Reneke has been invited to bring his valuable error dollar to **ERROR-A-RAMA '73**. An all-expense paid weekend for Reneke has been offered for the privilege of exhibiting his prize mint-error dollar at the show.

This is but one example of what can be expected at this show. **ERROR-A-RAMA '73** will undoubtedly produce the most fantastic gathering of numismatic errors at any one location, outside of a mint, to be found anywhere. One can hardly imagine what wild mint-error coins emerge from our mints, unless you have attended one of the six previous **EAR** shows.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding individuals to appear upon the scene is a highly respected collector and exhibitor in the person of Dr. A. K. Berry. The good Dr. is really the subject of this month's offering.

It was my good fortune to attend the EAR '71— incidentally it was held at the same location that this year's event will take place. Anyway, this was the first year of success at exhibiting error material for Dr. Berry. At the awards' banquet that Sunday night in 1971, he walked off with the coveted Jayne Goodman "King of Errors" award. Last year at San Diego, he took best in show. Photos of him, his trophies and some of his unusual mint errors are shown with this column.

Dr. Berry is a 61-year-old dentist

who practices in Alhambra, Calif. Collecting coins is a therapy that is relaxing for him and he enjoys his hobby after a hard day's work.

Although his collection contains only slightly more than 200 pieces, it is valued in the thousands of dollars and is unique. The wilder the error, the more desirable it is for Dr. Berry. Among his coins are all denominations, but some real rarities he owns are in the new Ike dollar series. Only one Ike dollar struck on a quarter planchet is known to date. Only three Ike dollars struck on cent planchets are known. Dr. Berry owns the Ike on a quarter planchet and two of the three struck on cent planchets. One is triple struck. Another Ike error in his collection is a 65% curved clip weighing 106.6 grains.

As unusual as all this is, they are

not the most exotic in his collection. Would you believe a proof Kennedy half dollar struck on an aluminum planchet?? That is what I said—a proof half struck on an aluminum planchet! Proofs are perfect—at least that is what coin collectors are lead to believe and expect. Minting errors do happen with proofs also, but with the hand-packaging and inspection they are subjected to, it would seem that errors would have hardly any chance at all to get out of the mint. Dr. Berry's half is only as thick as a dime and weighs 21 grains—only about one tenth the normal weight.

The most logical explanation for this piece is that a planchet prepared for foreign coinage got mixed in with the half dollar blanks and was struck in error. However, if memory serves me correctly, no such planchets were authorized and there is a bit of mystery that remains unsolved as to its existence.

Dr. Berry has not always been an error collector. About 30 years ago he became interested in "just plain coin collecting" and strived for perfection in his coins. Even though he was aware of mint errors and was urged by a longtime friend to join him in this new field, it was sometime before he was bitten by the "error bug." A wrong-stock planchet error dime was responsible for his conversion.

It seems that he found an extra thick dime that aroused his curiosity. It turned out to be a dime punched from a coinage strip produced for quarter planchets. With the realization that he had found a real treasure, he became interested in mint errors and has never looked back. Recognizing the necessity for knowledge about his new chosen field, he joined both local and national mint error clubs.

Dr. Berry is often asked how he is able to obtain such rare and bizarre coins, when they have never seen anything like them in change. These coins are systematically gathered from dealers from all over the country, after much planning and research. The error must be authenticated by a reliable source, such as **NECA's** authentication service which is free to its membership.

What Dr. Berry is up to for FAR '73, I don't know, but I'll bet it will be something to behold if what he has done in the past is any indication. By the way, he also owns an off-center struck Morgan dollar.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?—The page of photos accompanying this month's article on "Numismatic Errors" shows the most amazing mint "mistakes" ever assembled by one collector. The coins are owned by Dr. A. K. Berry of Alhambra, Calif., and will be on display at the national convention of error collectors to be held in California during July. The first row shows the obverse and reverse of an off-center struck large 1c; Flying Eagle 1c off center; Indian Head 1c off-center; and an Indian Head 1c with a cud. Second row—Indian Head 1c double struck, with the first strike alright; Barber 10c off center; Eisenhower $ off center; and a Buffalo 5c off center. Third row—Liberty 5c off center; Barber 25c off center; Barber 50c off center; and an indented Liberty 5c. Fourth row—Morgan $, laminated before striking; Morgan $ off center; "The Headless Wonder"—wrong planchet—50c on a 25c planchet. Bottom row—Triple-struck 25c, with all strikes off center, third strike indented; "Beheaded Eagle" referred to as the "Lopped off Head"; triple-struck Ike $ on a 1c planchet showing the obverse and reverse; wrong metal, wrong planchet—5c on a 1c planchet with the saying "This Redface should have been a Paleface!"

COMMENTARIUM.....

DEVOTED TO JUNIORS

BY: DAVE CERVIN,
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Representative For Texas

Last month we found out in order to earn a Roman coin all we have to do is prepare a short talk on our exhibit and present it as a program for one of our club meetings. What could be easier? It would appear as if all juniors in Texas would soon have a Roman coin, and some would have more.

Or would they? Don't you believe it! There are many juniors, possibly a good majority, who honestly feel (though they are wrong) that they don't have an exhibit worth displaying and presenting to their club in program form. Further, if this were not the problem, a goodly number would plead inexperience in public speaking and simply refuse to take the podium. This is all understandable, so we must propose other means of earning Roman coins. And that is the purpose of this month's article.

For the present let us stay on the broad topic of presenting programs. How about your being in charge of a slide program featuring coins? Just get the latest edition of the TNA Membership Directory and there, on the last page, is a listing of thirty or so slide sets, and all may be yours for the asking. Just look at a few titles:

- #1—Coins of Colonial America
- #10—Confederate States of America Currency
- #20—Medieval Coinage of Western Europe
- #23—Coins and Early Christianity
- #30—Odd and Curious Moneys
- #47—Coins and Castle of Maximilian

Don't ask the club members what they want. Select what interests you. After all it is your program and you are in charge.

Most of the sets include commentaries that you can read from and comment on after reading and digesting. The former certainly doesn't require you to be a public speaker. However, you may wish to give your own presentation and you are encouraged to do this.

Some slide sets come with taped commentary. However, if you get these make sure that there is available in your club a projector with an attachment for tapes.

None of this will cost you anything. It is the duty of the requestor to pay transportation charges both ways. This may cost around $1.00 which you may be able to advance, and then collect from your club. If necessary you can get an advance from the club.

As soon as your program is over and you have mailed the slides back, write me a letter listing the name of your club, the date you presented your program and the title. Also include the attendance and comments of club members and your opinion of how they received it. Send your letter to: D. R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, Tex. 79106.

You will receive, by return mail, an attributed Roman coin. Remember, these coins are somewhere near the bottom of the barrel in value, and most are small, AE22 or AE3, which is nickle-dime size. But any attributed Roman coin is certainly

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FOREIGN COINS NEED CHECKING

By BRAD MILLS,
Dallas Morning News

Brad Mills

Small hoards and accumulations of foreign coins are coming to light in this area from time to time, and the owners usually make hurried calls for information on the various items included. In more than half of such cases the hatch of coins in question have been picked up here and there by someone in the course of world travel. But a surprisingly large number of caches date back to the return of soldiers from World Wars I and II.

Occasionally coins coming out of hiding are rather valuable, and especially so in the case of estates left by real coin collectors who knew what they were doing. It is always smart to have such windfalls checked before disposing of them. Many of the early Canadian and Mexican coins in silver have become nice collectors' items.

A typical foreign collection found around the house, or coming out of a bank box, contains rather recent coins from France, Great Britain, Italy, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Switzerland, etc. A batch of this kind seldom yields valuable items, since they probably were leftovers with tourists who did not make a full exchange on leaving the various ports of call. Obviously such coins at the time circulated at face value.

The usual residual copper and nickel coins encountered in small foreign collections are worth from one-half cent to a few cents each, but some of the older ones may be more valuable. All of the silver foreign coins are worth at least their metallic value, and some of those from such countries as Canada, Mexico and Germany carry substantial premiums. Aluminum coins, as a rule, have very little value from any standpoint.

Perhaps the most promising foreign hoard is the one made up chiefly of dollar-size silver coins, commonly referred to as crowns. Such a collection doubtless was put together by a collector who specialized in the better items. The old dollar-size coins of Mexico, Europe and Asia may be worth from $2.50 to $12.00 each, but certainly not all are in the rare category.

The very old half-dollar size silver coins also carry premiums well above their original face values, with the yet smaller silver pieces falling into the favored section in proportion to their size. In short, silver is the preferred metal among the handful of coins appearing in the average foreign hoard.

Gold coins seldom come out of the foreign accumulations, but when they are included, care should be taken to determine their value. In most cases they command a proportionately lower premium than U.S. coins of comparable weight. Canadian gold coins are an exception to this general rule, since they are more expensive than those of this country. Gold coins of Great Britain, France, South America and Italy are popular but find limited interest among U.S. collectors. The very old foreign gold coins may carry especially high premiums, and especial-

ly those having been handed down through several generations. Such items may date back to ancient Greece. Typical foreign gold pieces that appear in chance hoards and collections are those of Great Britain, Mexico and miscellaneous European and South American countries.

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HOLED COINS

This column receives many requests from owners of scarce copper, nickel, silver and gold coins that have been pierced for various reasons. Most of these heirs argue strongly that such items should maintain much of their collector value in spite of the severe damage. It is particularly distressing to find a rare gold piece with the telltale hole and resulting evidence of use on a bracelet or necklace.

Holes in U.S. coins long have been regarded as the ultimate in damage. Unlike cuts, scratches and natural wear, a hole is considered a form of vandalism by the finicky collector who insists such a coin hardly merits a place on a jangle bracelet. Extreme rarity will sometimes force acceptance of holed coins, but even then only on a reduced scale. Enthusiasm always fades away when the pierced item is displayed.

Technically a holed coin in this country is a non-negotiable piece of metal by U.S. Treasury standards, this fault being an inexcusable condition. Many countries mint coins with holes of various shapes. At one time France issued coins with a large hole in the center. Japan, China and many other nations use the hole as a tradition and a convenient stringing method.

During a period around 1880, the U.S. experimented with holed coins and even struck many patterns and experimental pieces of this kind. Nothing ever came of the effort, since the chief governing influences opposed holes of any size or position.

However, old and rare U.S. coins do have special value, frequently being worth many times face value. A $1 gold piece with a small hole might well be worth $5, while a holed silver dollar of 1795 could bring $30 if not badly worn. Collectors often find it possible to plug holes in rare coins so they can become presentable through sub-standard items. A few artisans are able to do this work effectively.

Assessment of holed coins under varying conditions is different on paper, but still is useful data for the uninformed who may have these items around the house. A rough tabulation as follows, covers a few conditions applicable to pierced coins:

1. **Current issues and most clad coinage: Non-negotiable and of no monetary value.**
2. **Recent 90 per cent silver coins of low premium value: Bullion value only.**
3. **Such low premium issues as Indian Head cents, obsolete coins and badly worn early U.S. issues: Bullion value plus small premium above face value in most cases.**
4. **Rare early U.S. silver and gold coins: From 10 per cent to perhaps 20 per cent of the value of undamaged coins, depending on the hole.**
5. **The common $1 and $3 gold coins: From 10 per cent to 15 per cent of value of undamaged coins if hole is small. Condition also is a strong factor.**

But don't be completely discouraged with pierced coins. The rarest of all Pioneer issues, a $5 gold piece has been holed and repaired and is a thoroughly respectable piece.

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

Norma Mather

Soon ballots for the election of a president, a vice president and members of the Board of Governors for ANA will be received in the mail. You have the democratic privilege and responsibility of helping decide who shall direct policy and make decisions for yours, the largest organization in the world.

Within the past few years, mostly during the tenure of incumbent board members, the organization has come alive as an association for rank-and-file members and the hobby at large. A headquarters building at Colorado Springs has been built and now houses, in addition to the offices, the largest numismatic lending library anywhere in the world which has been catalogued very carefully and usably. The museum collection there is growing at a thrilling rate and exhibits are being prepared apace.

An excellent group insurance program has been developed for members' coins, for hospital expenses and, more recently, for dealers.

The ANA Certification Service is in business in Washington, D. C. An ever-growing panel of experts in different fields is examining coins, deciding whether they are genuine and certifying those which are.

The board has taken a firm stand against those who deal in counterfeit and/or misrepresented "whizzed" coins, expelling from membership those deemed guilty, suspending some doubtful dealers and publishing names in The Numismatist for our protection.

Direction of our 28,000-member association must be placed in the hands of stable people who have proved their leadership ability and their dedication. I urge you to really inform yourself about the candidates. Biographical sketches, records of service and candidates' statements and replies to questions in this very "lively" election are being carried in hobby publications. Consider these and the responsibilities those elected will be carrying and then vote for those you feel will do the best over-all job for you, the organization and the hobby.

NOW OR NEVER—an editorial from the May 9 **Coin World** reads "... Congressman Bob Eckhardt says it is up to us collectors for the next move to get H.R. 5777, the Hobby Protection Act, voted by the House.

"We must go all-out to get letters, telegrams and phone calls to our congressmen. If each of the 28,000-plus members of the American Numismatic Association would participate, what a mighty force would be exerted.

"Our thanks go to ANA Governor Virgil Hancock for his diligent dedication and hard work in connection with this bill. It would never be where it is without his interest.

"It appears this legislation has attracted widespread interest in all circles of the hobby unifying several groups with a common cause—to fight misrepresentation."

Several hobby protection bills have been introduced in the House but Rep. Eckhardt's H.R. 5777 is preferable because of its provision that

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MIRIAM GILMORE

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

EDITOR

WERE YOU THERE? If you were, we want you there again. We are referring to those enthusiastic numismatists who attended the first organizational meeting of TNA held in January, 1960, in Port Lavaca. Chris Johns of Houston has graciously accepted to assist me in locating those people and getting them together for a reunion during the 1974 TNA convention to be held in Houston. We want to plan a special event and need your cooperation. If you know the whereabouts of some of them or you would like to be present yourself, let us know. You'll be hearing more of our plans throughout the year. But in the meantime, help us locate these people, the majority of them were from Port Lavaca.

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We have temporarily lost one of our contributing authors, Brent Brown who has been writing about the Colonial mints of Central and South America. Brent will be out of the state for several months, but will resume his writings upon his return.

Bill Slate writes from Wyoming that in reading the President's Message in the March issue of **TNA NEWS**, he was given an idea for one of his "Topical Collecting" articles. He is naming it "The Spirit of the Old West on U.S. Coinage," the idea coming from Sid and Goldie Levinson's new award to be presented at the 1974 TNA convention. We anxiously await that story.

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Another welcomed letter came from Dave Cervin of Amarillo.

"The January issue of **TNA NEWS** is quite remarkable. There are SIX features, highly diversified, an astonishing number. Normally one might look for three, maybe four. Even other publications do not have that many. The **TNA NEWS'** articles are certainly more readable to the rank and file of coin collectors. Are there other coin journals as large and diversified as the **TNA NEWS**? I doubt it. Congratulations on assembling such a fine magazine!"

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From our governors—L. G. Davenport, District 14, was elected to the board of governors for the National Error Collectors' Assn. and appointed publicity director for the organization. L. G. is also past president of both the Hidalgo Coin Club and the South Texas Error Club and writes a monthly column on numismatic errors for the **TNA NEWS**. . . John Face, District 8, would like for his district clubs to know that he will be around for visits and that he is appreciative of all their support. Wants all to know he will do his utmost to help them achieve the

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goals and stands ready to assist in any manner.

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At the governors' and club representatives' breakfast in Fort Worth, there were 31 clubs represented! They were: San Angelo, Fort Worth, Graham, Mineral Wells, Port Isabel, Hidalgo, South Texas Error Club, Corsicana, Corpus Christi, Liberty (Corpus Christi), Alamo and Gateway (San Antonio), Dallas, Garland, Numismatics International (Dallas), Greater Houston, South Plains (Lubbock), Levelland, Lamb County (Littlefield), Austin, Port Arthur, Beaumont, Dalhart, Amarillo, Odessa, Abilene, Central Texas (Brownwood), Texomaland (Denison-Sherman) and would you believe Beeville, Waxahachie and Capitol City (Austin) Where have you three been? Let's hear from you. Also a new one on us Emergency Money Society of Dallas. We'd love to hear from you too. We offer much for clubs—we carry a "When and Where" column for meeting dates and places a Club Directory to advertise meetings or shows, an "Events Calendar" to publicize club shows, and we top it off with a CLUB SALUTE contest, first introduced in 1972 We have meeting report forms to make it simple to report your monthly activities just write for some

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Does anyone have any information about the Waco Coin Club? If so, please write J P Jones, 1517 Clay Waco He is anxiously wanting to compile the club history Seems the club was organized in 1947 but he has no records up to 1958 Any Waco oldtimer who can shed any light on the club's history please contact him.

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AND CONGRATULATIONS to the Dallas Coin Club, who celebrated their 45th—yes 45th—anniversary in May. The club was organized in 1928 and is the oldest club in Texas . . . adios and thirty. . . .

THE EARLIEST ANNO DOMINI —

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of Saxony's coinage needs more study than space here will allow Time permitting, we may do this at some future time.

But our subject today is Frederick the Wise, Protector of Martin Luther. So if you ever have an opportunity to obtain a coin of Frederick, be sure and secure it It will be your best possible contact, indirect though it is, with Martin Luther

Next month An examination of coins having medieval numbers Some of these are extremely rare and deserve the closest scrutiny Did you ever see, or even hear of, a sideways 4 or 4d? Don't you dare let your subscription expire!

NEWS ROUNDUP — ANA —

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"any interested person" can initiate a suit in a district court against violators of its provisions Other hobby bills restrict such initiation to the Federal Trade Commission

Let's phone, wire or write our own representatives, our two senators and Rep Harvey O Staggers chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce asking their efforts to get H R 5777 out of committee and passed The way for the House and Senate other hearings in Washington, D C is open

from the

first vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

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With almost a year before our next TNA convention and another National Coin Week, this might be a good time to encourage all you collectors who haven't enjoyed the pleasure of developing a numismatic exhibit to get started on an exhibit for next year.

Immediately following the convention, the Dallas Coin Cluh was invited to prepare a numismatic display for the week of April 9-13 at the National Bank of Commerce in Dallas. Among those included was my fractional currency and Eisenhower exhibits. How delightful it was to see so many people become interested in numismatics because members of the Dallas cluh had taken the time and trouble to prepare displays that would attract them to our hobby!

Then, the following week, the Texomaland Coin Club joined with the Retail Coin Dealers Association to place exhibits in our three Denison banks. Again, many people expressed their pleasure at being introduced to our hobby and the local club gained three members as a direct result of our exhibits.

The moral is: You can have more fun, win beautiful trophies and help promote numismatics, if you will just take the time to prepare a nice display of your collection and show it at appropriate times in your home town and enter it competitively at our coin shows. Enjoy the thrill of seeing your exhibit get the attention of non-collectors, as well as the admiration of collectors who can appreciate your numismatic efforts and material. And, who knows, you may even come up with an award winning exhibit. I hope so!

A few days ago I received a copy of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club News, prepared by their secretary-treasurer, Molly Gerald. Their club is growing in membership and attendance, and I'll bet that this little publication has helped a lot. Nice work!

On April 10, I visited the recently organized Arlington Coin Club and spent one of my most enjoyable evenings. They're an enthusiastic group and the club has now submitted an application for membership—and so have several of their members. WELCOME TO TNA!

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from the treasurer

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Balance on hand as of March 31, 1973		$2,916.05
Receipts:		
Donation to Mini-TNA News	2.50	
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Donation to Library —Odessa Coin Club	50.00	
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		$4,682.55
Disbursements:		
TNA News Editor —April travel allowance and March petty cash	93.00	
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Denton Commercial Printing—Misc. printing	330.75	
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TNA President—re-imburse for travel expenses	225.00	
TNA News Editor —Balance of March and April travel allowance	50.00	
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Postage	124.27	
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Mini TNA News —1,000 copies	191.30	
Miriam Gilmore—re-imburse for convention pictures	19.26	
John C. Face—re-imburse for convention pictures	2.60	1,762.26
		$2,920.29
Balance on hand as of April 30, 1973		$2,920.29
Operating Funds		$2,833.68
Ear-marked Funds		86.61

Note: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they are ear-marked. The above balance includes these funds except as noted below.

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from the librarian

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Our thanks to the Odessa Coin Club for their generous donation of $50 to the library. Recently we have spent quite a bit out of the library operating fund to re-mount the slide sets so that the slides would fit all projectors. We are slowly eliminating the problem of clubs having to secure a special projector in order to present programs. John Face of Corpus Christi is still working on this project and at the moment is in the process of completely revamping the two sets on Mexican coins. He is also preparing a more detailed commentary concerning the coins.

New books on the market include "Coins of Colombia" by Al Almanzar and Dale Seppa. It is the only English language monograph which has ever been published relative to this series of coins. Over 1000 coins are listed with the majority of the types being photographed. If you are a collector of Colombian coins, you may order the book from Almanzar, Milam Building, Suite D, San Antonio 78205.

Three Texans got together and have published a book entitled "Trade Tokens of Texas." William E. Fowler, Austin, Travis Roberts, Bellaire, and Harry L. Strough, Houston, pooled their talents and knowledge on Texas tokens with historical comments written by Fowler. The book should be available to collectors soon.

Another new publication entering the numismatic scene is the fourth edition of Whitman's "Buying and Selling United States Coins." All U.S. coins from 1792 to 1972 are included and dis[illegible] buying, selling and collecting with buying and selling prices in three condition grades. A must for the beginner-collector. It sells for $1.00.

Wallace Davis Dies in Houston

Wallace Davis of Houston died April 12 following a lengthy illness. He was a well known collector in the area and was a member of TNA and ANA.

Services were held in Houston.

SECRETARY'S REPORT —
(Continued from Page 28)

315- A-859 (D-14) Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Norris, 605 Maple St., McAllen, Tex. 78501.

C-36 (D-6) Pasadena Coin Club, 2958 Dragonwick, Houston, Tex. 77045

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2432 (D-9) Karla von Hungen, Box 1762, Lubbock, Tex. 79408

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As of May 1, it was reported that 128 individual members were delinquent in dues, along with one chapter member. One chapter member disbanded.

FROM THE TREASURER —
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TNA Library Fund as of March 31, 1973	73.75	
Donations above	50.00	123.75
Disbursements as above		37.14
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JULY 14-15

GARLAND COIN CLUB annual show, Lions Club Bldg. Bourse: Thos. C. Bain, 3717 Marquette Dr., Dallas 75225.

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AUGUST 4-5

NORTHLINE COIN CLUB, 6th annual show, Holiday Inn, FWY I 10, 9799 Katy, Houston Bourse: J. R. Luker, 3603 Breacrest, Houston 77016.

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AUGUST 23-27

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN., annual convention. Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass.

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AUGUST 25-26

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Wildcat Show, Nolan County Coliseum, Annex Bldg., Sweetwater Bourse: Mabel Cunningham, Box 777, Sweetwater 79556.

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SEPTEMBER 8-9

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show, Town House Motor Hotel. WRITE: Club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.

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SEPTEMBER 15-16

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, 14th annual show, Red Carpet Inn. BOURSE: Carl Heartfield, 5030 Stardust, Beaumont 77706.

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ODESSA COIN CLUB, 13th annual Permian Basin coin show, Inn of the Golden West. Write Club, Box 2009, Odessa 79760.

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SEPTEMBER 22-23

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual "Money Mart," Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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SEPTEMBER 23

PORT ISABEL AND BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUBS' annual show, Sea Island Motor Hotel, South Padre Island Bourse: Don Pruitt, Box 591, Port Isabel 78578.

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OCTOBER 6-7

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, annual show, Western Hills Inn, Fort Worth Metroplex. Bourse: Winston Jobe, P. O. Box 7167, Fort Worth 76111

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OCTOBER 20-21

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, 12th annual show, Memorial Coliseum, Corpus Christi. For information write club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415

COMMERCIAL SHOWS

BLUE BONNET COIN SHOW, 3rd annual, Shamrock Hilton Hotel. H. A. Tulbah, Box 22927, Houston 77027 (713) 622-77027.

Guatemala, one of the republics of Central America, named a denomination for the quetzal, the bird that appears on the coin. The issue lasted only two years, and Guatemala uses the peso as its main denomination now.

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

Everett Hull
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G. S. Davison continued the program on paper money at the April meeting of the **Graham Stamp and Coin Club** held at the Texas Electric Reddy Room. Davison stated that the dollar bill falls in the following categories: national gold bank notes, silver certificates refunding certificates, gold certificates, treasury coin notes, federal reserve notes and federal reserve bank notes.

Davison noted that there were 24 branches and each district is designated by a number and a corresponding letter of the alphabet. Attention was called to the grading of paper money and the many signatures appearing on the bills.

A round table discussion was held on "What Stamp Plate" included and the change made this year in the numbering of stamps with the question as to how many now make a plate block. It was also learned

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that due to stamp errors made in the rolls of stamps now purchased, several fortunes have been made.—**Hellen Rust, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT TWO:

H. R. Peppard
Governor

Members of the **Odessa Coin Club** voted to donate $50 to the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** and $50 to the ANA museum at the April meeting held at the Odessa College with 33 in attendance.

Bill Hodges reported on the progress of the planned coin show to be held in September and a District 2 meeting was included on the agenda with an invitation to TNA President Lyman C. Bartee to attend the show and special meeting.

Rev. Sam Urrate spoke to the group on collecting medals and foreign proof sets and Ashley Lawson commented on legal tender gold. Gus Ganze reported on the TNA convention recently held in Fort Worth. —**H. R. Peppard, Gov., Dist. 2.**

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DISTRICT THREE:

Bob Neely
Governor

The Nolan County Coliseum Annex building will be the site for the annual Wildcat Show sponsored by the **Nolan County Coin Club** in Sweetwater. Dates for the show are August 25-26. The club met at the Texas Bank with 20 present.

Members are assembling a type set of coins, each coin being donated, which will be given to the local museum.

Seth Lobdell gave a program on gold coins.—**David Williams, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FOUR:

Keith Johnson
Governor

Clyde Grimm provided the program for members of the **Austin Coin Club** at the April meeting. His topic was "Continental Coins" and was illustrated with slides of the coins.

A report was heard on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth and the coin show held during National Coin Week.—**Lyman C. Bartee, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

Plans were completed for the 45th anniversary of the **Dallas Coin Club** to be celebrated during the May meeting at the Baker Hotel, English Room. Twenty five attended the April meeting.

Letters from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce were presented to those who participated in the numismatic exhibit held in the National Bank of Commerce. The exhibit was for the purpose of concurrent observance of the Dallas Downtown Spring Festival and National Coin Week.

President Edward E. Slade Jr. presented an ANA lecture program and slides on "Odds and Ends of Coinage, Spurious and Real." —**LCdr. C. C. Andrews, Sec.**

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Gordon Bleuler, authority on postal and numismatic research, was the speaker at the April meeting of the **Garland Coin Club.** His subject

was the postal history of Dallas County. Bleuler exhibited several postal covers, one of which was postmarked "Duck Creek" (now Garland). He also displayed a book on the postal history of Dallas County illustrated with photographs of many items from his collection.

George Johnson, TNA representative, reported on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth. Commander C. C. Andrews, as the new District 5 governor, gave a report on the new officers' board meeting outlining specific goals.

Twenty-one attended the meeting with Mark Stubbs joining as a junior member.—**Frances O. Landon, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Charlotte Nichols
Governor

The 6th annual show hosted by the **Northline Coin Club** of Houston will be held on August 4-5 at the Holiday Inn on Fwy I-10, 9799 Katy in Houston. General Chairman will be B. Ray Duncan, Rt. 5, Box 515A, Conroe 77301 and J. R. Luker will be in charge of the bourse. He may be reached at 3603 Breacrest, Houston 77016.—**J. R. Luker, Reporter.**

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A club picnic supper was planned for members of the **La Marque Coin Club** to be held on July 8 at Carbide Park club house. Opal and Jay Akey are in charge of arrangements. At the April 5 meeting, the 1972 and 1973 TNA medal sets of bronze and silver were on display. Hugh Threlkeld conducted the auction with proceeds given to the club.

At the April 19 meeting, members voted to send a donation for the patron's page of the ANA convention bulletin. Threlkeld reported on the Lufkin coin show and also the TNA convention held in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Akey gave the evening's program and her topic was "Moonstone Art Work" and showed members the different steps used to produce a finished piece of art.

The display table contained one of the Texas Ranger medals and a brochure describing the history of the Texas Rangers.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Installation of new officers took place at the recent meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio when they met at KSAT-TV. John Holds will serve as president; Ray Whyborn, first vice president; Ilse Griffith, second vice president; Betty Vaughn, treasurer; Elda Kammer, secretary; and board members are Del Cooke, Bob Krocker and Charles Kammer.

Andy Holds, who won best in the junior exhibit category at the TNA convention, was present and displayed his trophy and exhibit of Irish gun money.—**Ilse Griffith, Gov., Dist. 7.**

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

Governor

The 12th annual coin show sponsored by the **Liberty Coin Club** has been announced for October 20-21 at the Memorial Coliseum in Corpus Christi. For information, contact the club at Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

At the April 24 meeting held in the Exxon Conference Room, Wilson Tower, a slide set from the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** was shown with the subject

being on British coins. Those to present programs at future meetings were to be Clarence Davis, Cal Lorfing and John Allen.

Lorfing read a short article from an old coin publication on the reluctance, in 1913, of the public to accept the "new" Buffalo nickel. Most of the merchants of that time did not want to accept the coin and required some of their customers to pay with a "V" nickel instead.—**Club Bulletin.**

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Matt Rothert of Camden, Ark., former ANA president was a guest speaker at one of the two monthly meetings of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** held at the Wilson Tower, Exxon Conference Room. Rothert spoke on collecting in general and the benefits to be gained from the hobby, the ANA and the TNA, and association with local coin clubs. He paid some glowing comments to the TNA and especially the work done by Miriam Gilmore as editor of the **TNA NEWS** and said the **NEWS** was second only to **The Numismatist.**

At the May 1 meeting, 11 members and guests attended. President Cal Lorfing appointed a nominating committee to select new club officers. It was announced that the club will begin issuing a news bulletin.

Norma Mather gave a presentation entitled "Our First Nickel" which concerned the three-cent pieces (nickel) issued from 1865 to 1889. Many problems arose, Norma pointed out, and explained it was very hard on the dies and not a very popular coin. —**John C. Face, Gov. Dist. 8.**

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DISTRICT NINE:

D. O. Joplin
Governor

D. O. Joplin exhibited at both of the Levelland banks in celebration of Coin Week in Texas and represented the **Levelland Coin Club.**

Reports on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth were given by Joplin, Jim Hall and James Hogue. A discussion was held on how to improve attendance at club meetings. During the Summer months the club will meet at 8 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Chamber of Commerce building. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Jim Hall presented the **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield with their second place award which they won in the **TNA CLUB SALUTE** award. The winners for 1972 were announced at the TNA convention held in Fort Worth. The club won second place.

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Convention reports were given by Hall and D. O. Joplin.

Slide Set #20 from the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** was shown by Larry Sanderson and narrated by James Hogue.

Meetings are held in the Reddy Room and at the April meeting, 21 were present. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Twenty three attended the April meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock held at the First Federal Savings & Loan Co. Reports on the annual coin show were made by Jim Hall, Bob Medlar, Don Henderson and Bryan Steger. Medlar also reported on the TNA convention auction, and Joplin gave highlights on the convention and board meetings.

Exhibit winners in the recent show were announced and include H. R. Peppard, best in show; U.S. coins — Wayne Arnold, Lon Halley, Becky Salley; foreign — Larry McKinney, James Hogue, D. O. Joplin; medals & tokens — Floyd Wilcox, Joplin, Mrs.

BEST IN SHOW—H. R. Peppard, right, of Odessa, won best in show at the March South Plains Coin Club annual show held in Lubbock. Bryan Steger, exhibit chairman, made the presentation to Peppard. (Photo Courtesy Jett Bloomer.)

H. R. Peppard.

Bryan Steger was exhibit chairman and it was reported that 35 dealers were in attendance from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The show was held at the First National Bank building with Jim Hall as general chairman and Lloyd Wilson acting as bourse chairman. TNA officials present included Fred Clark, TNA second vice president; D. O. Joplin, Dist. 9 governor; H. R. Peppard, Dist. 2 governor; Buz Sawyer, Dist. 3 governor; John Ward, Dist. 12 governor; and Tom Bain, TNA convention coordinator.

The annual District 9 meeting was held on Sunday of the show with **Levelland Coin Club** winning the award for the most members present. Fred Clark was guest speaker. — **Bryan Steger & D. O. Joplin.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

W. C. Williams Governor

Barry Donnell brought equipment for examining the minute details of stamps and coins to the April meeting of the **Wichita Falls Stamps & Coin Club** giving members an opportunity to study unusual cancellations or uncertain dates and mint marks on items from their collection.

Plans were completed for the club's first annual stamp and coin show which was set for May 12-13 at the Ramada Inn. W. C. Williams was acting as general chairman.

Reports were heard on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth. Fifty members and guests attended the meeting held at the YMCA. — Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.

DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

L G Davenport
Governor

Ada Lee Chisum reported on National Coin Week activities in the Upper Rio Grande Valley and Robert Dedmon and Don Pruitt reported for the Lower Valley at the April meeting of **Willacy County Coin Club** held at the Dew Drop Inn in Lyford.

President John L Chisum reported that election of new officers would take place at the May meeting. —**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**

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"Pennies From Heaven" was the subject selected by Harry L Fox for a program presented for members of the **Brownsville Coin Club** at the April meeting held at the First National Bank. Fox commented that the word "mint" was derived from the Roman goddess Juno whose surname was "Moneta."

Secretary Bob Smith reported that two members had 100% attendance during 1972 and they were Oneta Grisham and Rev. Harry Smith.

A discussion was held on the joint Port Isabel-Brownsville coin show to be held September 23 at the Sea Island Motor Hotel on South Padre Island. It had been formerly scheduled to be held at the Chuck Wagon Inn, but plans had to be altered. Brownsville club members discussed holding a coin show prior to the annual Charro Days celebration in February 1974. Reports were also heard on the observance of National Coin Week in the area. —**Oneta Grisham, Pres.**

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Members of the **Harlingen Coin Club** voted to hold only one meeting per month instead of two during the Summer months when the group gathered for the April meeting at the First National Bank. Nineteen attended the meeting.

Ernesto Rodriguez served refreshments following the meeting. —**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**

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A new meeting place has been selected by members of the **Port Isabel Coin Club** and it is the Merchant's Marine State Bank. Sixteen attended the April meeting.

Plans were discussed for the September 23 coin show to be hosted jointly by the **Port Isabel** and **Brownsville Coin Clubs.** The event will be held at the Sea Island Motor Hotel on South Padre Island.

Don Pruit reported on National Coin Week activities in the Port Isabel area and announced that he had placed a display in the Merchant's Marine Bank and that Mayor Leo Sanders signed a proclamation for the celebration. —**Oneta Grisham, Reporter.**

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L. G. Davenport presented those present at the **South Texas Error Club** meeting in March with 1973D Lincoln cents, each with a different mint error. John L. Chisum brought rolls of Lincoln cents and Jefferson nickels for members to examine for mint errors. Ten members and guests were present for the meeting held at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr.

New officers to take over in May are John Chisum, president; Howard Heath, vice president; Bill Doyle, secretary; and Ada Lee Chisum treasurer. —**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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John L. Chisum was presented with

a prize for winning the 1972 contest conducted by the **Hidalgo Coin Club.** Winners are determined by points gained for presenting programs, showing exhibits, signing up new members, etc. The club held their May meeting at Cusum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr.

L. G. Davenport was in charge of the program and explained the mint errors of the 1922P Lincoln cent and the 3-legged 1937D Buffalo nickel. He elaborated on other mint errors. The complete text of the program will appear in the July issue of the **TNA NEWS** under the heading "**Numismatic Errors**." —**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

Jerry Williams
Governor

Six out of nine banks in Beaumont held displays of coins and currency during National Coin Week according to reports heard at the April meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club.** Sidney King was NCW chairman.

Jerry Williams, District 15 governor, gave a report on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth and members expressed gratitude for placing third in the **TNA CLUB SALUTE** award contest. Pat Mounier gave some interesting facts in the monthly "Did Ya Know?" President Carl Heartfield also gave a report on the Louisiana Numismatic Assn. convention which was to be held in Lake Charles, La. in May. —**Shirley Williams, Reporter.**

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Jerry Williams, president of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** and District 15 governor, gave a report to members on the TNA convention held in Fort Worth and also on National Coin Week activities. Victor Butts was congratulated on winning first place in foreign coins at the TNA convention and for his article which appeared in a recent issue of the **TNA NEWS.**

Members held a discussion on numismatic facts. Pat Mounier asked if any other mints issued proof coins besides Philadelphia; the answer was yes — at New Orleans in 1878. It was stated that it was not listed in the "Red Book" but that it was a fact, according to Mrs. Mounier. Another question posed was: "Since the Ike dollar is in the 1973 proof set, was it 40% silver?" The answer was no, that the dollar is clad, but the proof singles which sell for $10 are 40% silver.

During the social hour, Joe O'Neal, past president, was complimented on his birthday and refreshments including a cake baked by Molley Gerald were served. —**Shirley Williams, Reporter.**

Treasure Search

A search for the fabled treasure of Atahualpa, the last Inca emperor of Ecuador, whose people paid a $4 million ransom for him in 1532 in gold and silver, has begun by two Americans from Georgia.

Legend says that the treasure was buried with Atahualpa after his execution by the Spanish conquerer Francisco Pizarro. The search will center on the Llanganitis Mountain lakes, east of Quito, because it was there, a 16th century Roman Catholic priest said, that the Incas hurled their treasure after discovering the Spaniards had killed Atahualpa.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE—As space permits, the TNA NEWS will print letters of club activities entered in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE award. This is in hopes of directing other clubs in submitting their reports for the 1973 contest.)

The San Angelo Coin Club had 72 senior members and 36 junior members, making a total of 108 members. Meetings were held at the Town House Motor Hotel, Cotillion Room, on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in winter and 8 p.m. in summer for seniors, and 7 p.m. in winter and 7:30 p.m. in summer for juniors.

The programs were given by individual members or special guests and were educational talks and films on coins and coin collecting. Listed are programs given: "Profit in Coin Collecting," "Jefferson & Monticello," "Tokens," "Errors on U.S. Money," "Carson City Mint and Carson City Dollars," "U.S. Faceless Coins," "U.S. Mints," "Buffalo Nickels and Grading Coins," "French and Indian Wars and Coins and History of U.S. Currency," "True and False Questionnaire," "Nickel Coins," and "How to be a Successful Coin Collector."

A Christmas banquet was held in December, with the club paying all but $1.00 of the cost for members and their guests. Officers were elected and installed and the president was presented a past president's medal engraved on silver, after which the president presented awards to the officers who served with him during the year and to the winning member of the Honor Roll.

Special guests at our meetings were TNA President and Mrs. Lyman Bartee of Austin. Bartee was the guest speaker at our social get-together of District 3 clubs. Gifts were presented to them. Val Palvelsky of Lakewood, N.J., was a special guest and speaker at our September meeting, and he also entered his large display of Indian artifacts, coins and medals in our September show. He was presented a gold horned toad tie tack made by San Angeloan Bart Mann, and also one of our coin club medals. Other special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks of Corsicana.

A number of our members exhibited at the Sweetwater Wildcat Show, at the Austin show, Odessa show, TNA convention in Dallas, and at our own show, winning at every show. The TNA silver trophy presented to our president, Fred Homeyer, for the best in show at Dallas, was featured in the TNA NEWS, and of course we are very proud of this honor. Several excellent exhibits were also made at our monthly meetings.

A donation was made to the West Texas Boys' Ranch of San Angelo and we donated the junior trophy for TNA.

We had a good show as usual, with many excellent exhibits. Members donated silver dollars that were given away each hour of the two-day show. Gold tickets were sold to help defray show expense. The dealers reported that their sales had been very good, and the club made a substantial profit.

Special honors bestowed upon our club and members were the election of Fred Clark as TNA second vice president and the election of Bill Sawyer as TNA governor, and the presentation of the K. K. Tidwell Literary award to Ellis Brooks at the TNA convention.

Our meetings and show were publicized by radio broadcasts, television

appearances, newspaper articles and ads, store cards and word of mouth by members. Besides this, at last count, 62 visitations to other clubs were made by members, who presented several programs at other clubs. (The club also reports activities to the TNA NEWS.—Editor's note.)

To increase interest in our hobby and coin club, we made an all-out drive to encourage junior membership in order to bring in new blood and new ideas and to get them interested in the fascinating hobby of coin collecting. This effort was very rewarding as we now have half as many junior members as we have seniors. We also started a Members' Honor Roll on which a member's name appears upon sponsoring a new member, and the one whose name appears in the greatest number of months wins a prize. Auctions were held at all meetings. We hosted District 3 clubs on August 6 in our annual get-together and won the trophy for the most people present for the second time in succession. At our monthly meetings a member could set up a bourse table, which the members wishing to sell coins seemed glad to have.—Submitted by Lynn Langston, Club Secretary

Small cents replaced the larger copper coins in 1857, when the large ones were discontinued. Copper and copper-nickel pieces of the small size have been issued to this day by our government. The first small cent was the famous Flying Eagle type of 1856. Actually it was a trial coin, a demonstration piece never meant for circulation. In 1857, Congress officially adopted the new design.

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The Romans, when tossing coins, called "CAPITA AUT NAVIM" (Head or Vessel) and this custom continued for many years even though later coins issued under the Caesars carried on one side the Caesar (Give unto God that which is of God and that to Caesar which is to Caesar) and on the other side an allegory. The custom of continuing to call "CAPITA AUT NAVIM" is matched by the custom in New Spain where the call was "CARO O CRUZ" (Head or Cross) because of the face of the king and the cross of Jerusalem which figured in many coins although not in all. Today in Mexico the call is "AGUILA O SOL" (Eagle or Sun) in spite of the fact that today most of the Mexican coins do not feature a sun. In the United States we say "HEADS OR TAILS."

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